

## Announcement for North Lahontan Regional Forum

The first North Lahontan Regional Forum on Water Management and Planning is scheduled for Friday, September 28, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. The agenda and meeting materials are posted online at: [www.waterplan.water.ca.gov/materials/index.cfm?subject=sep2812](http://www.waterplan.water.ca.gov/materials/index.cfm?subject=sep2812). Please RSVP using the following link: [www.surveymonkey.com/s/NLForumRSVP](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NLForumRSVP).

The California Department of Water Resources, in cooperation with local entities and organizations, is sponsoring a Regional Forum to gather and share information relating to the California Water Plan and Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM). There are meeting locations in South Lake Tahoe and Susanville. Webinar options are listed on the agenda. See below for more details!

### **Why Participate?**

The Forum agenda will focus on discussing local and regional water management priorities, programs, conditions and challenges. This information will help develop the Water Plan Update 2013 North Lahontan Regional Report, which tells the water story for this area and will help inform **statewide investments**. An Executive Summary of the Regional Report will be included in the Water Plan Highlights document - capturing key elements of strategic water planning issues, priorities and recommendations. The Regional Reports are used by the Legislature and the descriptions of local and regional conditions inform policy-making.

An initial working draft of the 2013 Regional Report is posted on the meeting webpage listed above. This preliminary draft contains placeholder text to topics that will be developed further. Also, new concepts for the Regional Report are highlighted in yellow. A two-hour working session will focus on refining the initial draft.

Representatives of water agencies and collaboratives; local, state, Tribal and federal government; watershed and community groups; conservancies; and the public are welcome and needed for successful dialog.

### **Forum Locations and Details**

Forum locations include the US Forest Service “Emerald Bay Conference Room” at 35 College Drive in South Lake Tahoe and the Susanville Indian Reservation “Boardroom” in the Diamond Mountain Casino at 900 Skyline Road in Susanville. The webpage and agenda provides the webinar and conference call information for remote participation.

The agenda items for this Forum will focus on DWR programs, with updates and discussion on the Water Plan Regional Reports and topic-based caucuses (including the groundwater, finance and sustainable indicators caucuses) and a status update regarding IRWM and other local efforts. The primary focus will be the description of local conditions related to water resources and planning.

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